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1. SUMMARY. ACCORDING TO MFA DIRECTOR, UN AFFAIRS, ALGERIAN PRESENTATION AT OPEC SUMMIT CONFERENCE INCORPORATED ALL ESSENTIAL POINTS OF DAKAR RESOLUTIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, GOP FEELS PROJECTED NEW YORK MEETING PRIOR TO ENERGY MEETING CALLED BY FRENCH NOT ESSENTIAL. CERTAIN SMALLER COUNTRIES WHO ARE DISSATISFIED WITH LIST OF LDGS INVITED BY FRENCH ARE AGITATING FOR PRELIMINARY MEETING BUT ALGERIA RESISTING SUCH PROPOSAL. GOP REQUESTS US VIEWS CONCERNING ENERGY MEETING CALLED BY FRENCH. END SUMMARY.

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2. AS REPORTED REF A, PAKISTAN WAS ONE OF FOUR COUNTRIES SELECTED TO PRESENT DAKAR RESOLUTIONS TO OPEC SUMMIT CONFERENCE. MUNIR AKRAM, MFA DIRECTOR, UN AFFAIRS, AND MEMBER OF GOP DELEGATIONS TO BOTH DAKAR AND ALGERIA MEETINGS, GAVE EMBOFF FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF OPEC MEETING:

3. OPENING PRESENTATION BY ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENE WAS AN ALMOST COMPLETE REVERSAL OF ALGERIAN PRESENTATION AT DAKAR. SHORN OF RHETORIC AND POLEMICS THE SPEECH (COPY POUCHED TO DEPT) WAS A WELL-REASONED PRESENTATION WHICH RECOGNIZED INTERESTS OF OIL PRODUCERS, INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, AND NONOIL-PRODUCING LDCS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, IT PROPOSED FIVE SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BENEFIT NONOIL-PRODUCING LDCS. AS BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH INCORPORATED ALL ESSENTIAL POINTS OF THE DAKAR RESOLUTIONS AND TO SOME EXTENT EVEN WENT FURTHER IN RECOGNIZING THE INTERESTS OF THE NONOIL-PRODUCING LDCS, THE PRESENTATION OF THE DAKAR RESOLUTIONS TO THE OPEC CONFERENCE WAS A MERE FORMALITY.

4. OTHER OPEC DELEGATIONS APPEARED TO ACCEPT GENERAL PREMISE OF BOUMEDIENE'S SPEECH THOUGH NO OFFICIAL STATEMENT WAS ISSUED. CONSEQUENTLY, GOP FEELS THERE IS NO NEED FOR A PRELIMINARY MEETING IN NEW YORK TO DISCUSS NONOIL-PRODUCING LDCS' POSITION PRIOR TO ENERGY MEETING CALLED BY FRENCH. CERTAIN SMALLER LDCS SUCH AS SRI LANKA ARE AGITATING FOR MEETING AS THEY ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE LIST OF LDCS INVITED BY THE FRENCH. ALGERIA, WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY TAKEN THE INITIATIVE FOR HOLDING A PRELIMINARY MEETING IN NEW YORK, IS NOW RESISTING SUCH A MEETING. AS A RESULT OF THE OPEC SUMMIT MEETING WHERE IRAQ EXPRESSED VEHEMENT OPPOSITION TO THE LIST OF OPEC MEMBERS INVITED BY THE FRENCH, ALGERIA IS AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS WHICH WOULD ARISE IN TRYING TO CHANGE THE FRENCH INVITATION LIST. THE GOP, AS REPORTED REF A, WAS ALSO UNHAPPY WITH THE COUNTRIES SELECTED BY THE FRENCH BUT NOW FEELS THAT A NEW YORK MEETING WOULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN VIEW OF THE VERY FORTHCOMING POSITION ADOPTED BY ALGERIA AT THE OPEC SUMMIT MEETING.

5. THERE WAS NO SPECIFIC AGREEMENT AT THE OPEC SUMMIT CONFERENCE TO ACCEPT THE FRENCH INVITATION TO ATTEND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AN ENERGY MEETING. NEVERTHELESS, IT WAS THE IMPRESSION OF THE GOP DELEGATION THAT THOSE COUNTRIES INVITED BY THE FRENCH WOULD AT LEAST ATTEND THE APRIL 7 MEETING IN PARIS TO SELECT THE AGENDA FOR A LATER MEETING AND THAT THE OPEC MEMBERS NOT INVITED BY THE FRENCH WOULD NOT OBJECT TO SUCH.

6. ACCORDING TO AKRAM, THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION, UNLIKE

AT DAKAR, APPEARED TO GO OUT OF ITS WAY TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE VIEWPOINTS OF ALL PARTIES. THIS WAS IN SHARP CONTRAST TO DAKAR WHERE THEY RAN ROUGHSHOD OVER OTHER DELEGATIONS. AKRAM STATED THAT AT A SMALL LUNCHEON HE EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION TO THE ALGERIAN MINISTER OF COMMERCE, A MEMBER OF THE ALGERIAN DELEGATION TO DAKAR, FOR THE CHANGE IN THE ALGERIAN POSITION AS EXPRESSED AT THE DAKAR MEETINGS. THE ALGERIAN COMMERCE MINISTER REPLIED "WE WERE FORCED TO DO SO".

7. AKRAM STATED THAT THE GOP WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE US VIEWS REGARDING THE ENERGY MEETING CALLED BY FRENCH AS THE GOP DOES NOT WISH TO WORK AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH THE US. WE HAVE GIVEN AKRAM PERTINENT EXCERPTS FROM WIRELESS FILES REPORTING STATEMENTS BY US OFFICIALS ON VARIOUS ENERGY MATTERS. HOWEVER, EMBASSY WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY INFO WHICH WE CAN FURNISH AKRAM SPECIFICALLY WITH REGARD TO US VIEWS CONCERNING ENERGY MEETING CALLED BY FRENCH.
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